



# **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Washington State**

**Emergency Management Division**

# PA PROGRAM'S PURPOSE

To provide federal/state  
grant assistance to  
public agencies who  
have suffered from the  
effects of a major  
disaster or an  
emergency



# FUNDING

- Provides 75% federal funds
- Non-federal 25% match, as determined by the State Legislature, usually split between applicant and state
- Only available in declared counties following a Presidential Declaration of Emergency or Disaster

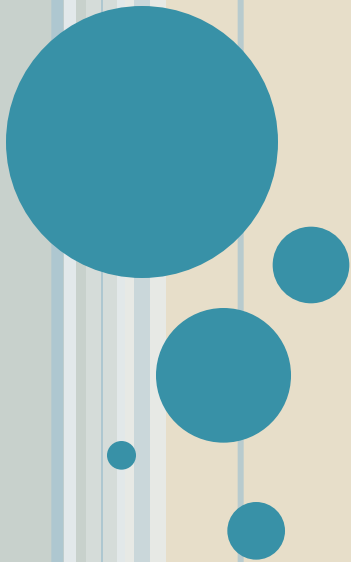


# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Cities, Towns
- Counties
- State Agencies
- Indian Tribes
- Special Purpose Districts
- Critical Private Non-Profit Organizations
- Governmental Service Type Private Non-Profit Organizations



# PA Program By the Numbers



## PA PROGRAM – RECENT PAST AT A GLANCE

Disaster	Date	Total Funded
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1079	11/1995	\$ 31,733,240
1100	01/1996	\$100,862,702
1152	11/1996	\$ 10,310,988
1159	12/1996	\$ 77,757,432
1172	03/1997	\$ 7,525,833
1182	04/1997	\$
1252	05/1998	\$ 2,134,255
1255	10/1998	\$ 5,911,422



# PA PROGRAM – CURRENT AND ACTIVE AT A GLANCE

<u>Disaster</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of PWs</u>	<u>Total Funded</u>
1361	02/2001	1,861	\$ 83,549,349
1499	11/2003	301	\$ 11,434,225
1641	02/2006	176	\$ 8,452,625
1671	11/2006	711	\$ 32,402,413
1682	12/2006	674	\$ 38,832,929
1734	12/2007	1,613	\$ 67,376,983
1817	01/2009	1,919	\$ 63,151,961
1825	12/2008	1,150	\$ 34,274,033
1963	03/2011	103	\$ 8,234,017





# CITY OF OLYMPIA – FEBRUARY 2001





# PIERCE COUNTY – DECEMBER 2006



# SKAMANIA COUNTY – FEBRUARY 2007





# THURSTON COUNTY – DECEMBER 2007



# SPOKANE COUNTY – DECEMBER 2008





# YAKIMA COUNTY – OCTOBER 2009





# CLALLAM COUNTY – JANUARY 2009

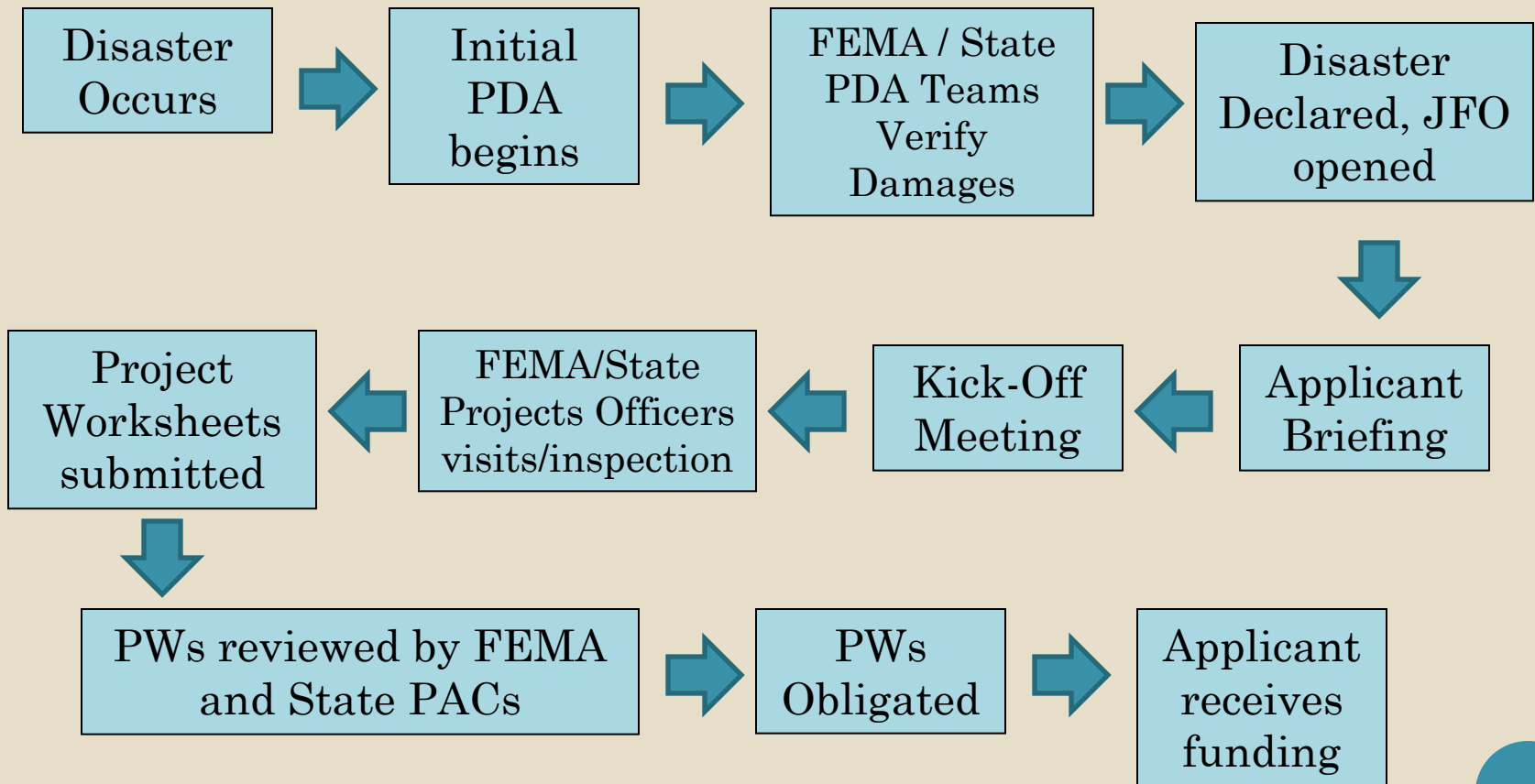




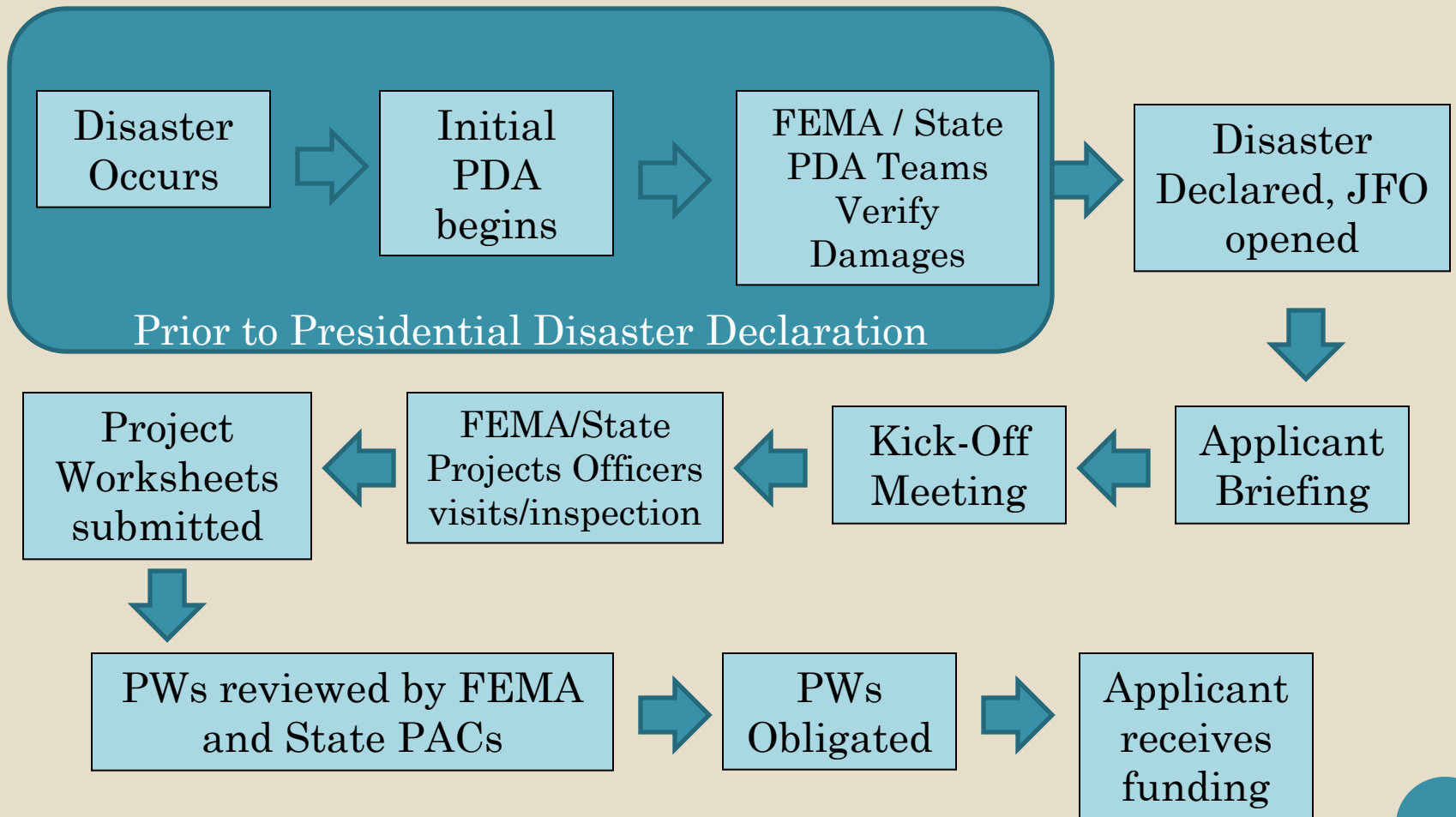
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# HOW DO WE GET DISASTER AID?



# FIRST STEPS IN THE PROCESS



# PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

- A Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) identifies the initial cost estimate of damages for governmental agencies, private non-profits, and tribal governments.
- Damage estimates are consolidated by county to determine if federally mandated thresholds have been reached
- Additional Statewide threshold must be met to be considered for disaster aid
- FEMA/State PDA teams verify costs

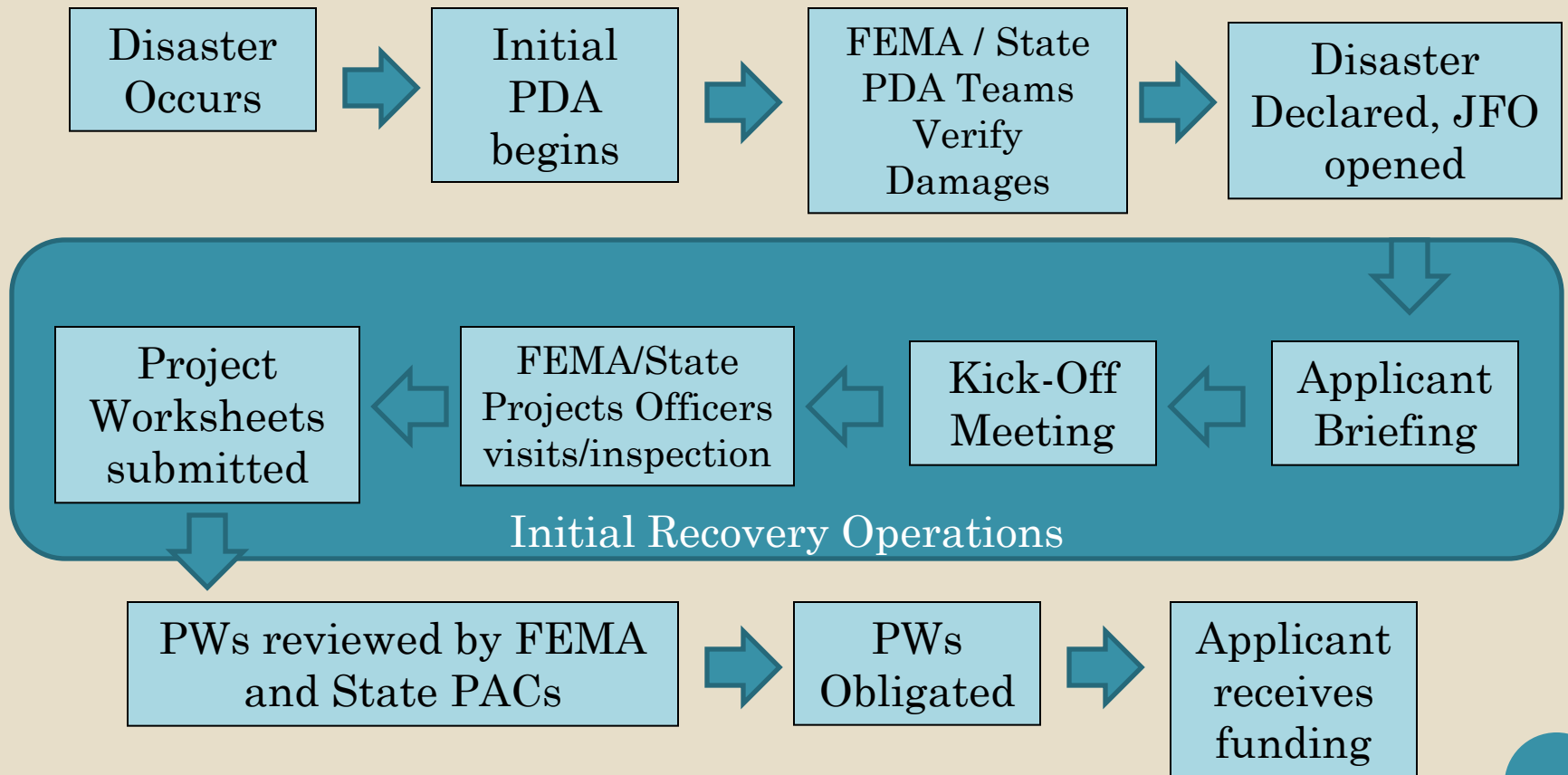


# WHY PARTICIPATE IN A PDA

- First Step to Receive Federal \$\$
  - Identifies if Your Agency has Damage
  - County Must Qualify -\$3.27 per capita
  - State Must Qualify - \$1.30 per capita
  - Identifies Potential Funding Needs (FEMA, FHWA, USACE, NRCS, & BIA)
  - Identifies Potential Number of Applicants
- *To Be Successful, All Need to Participate*



# SHORTLY FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION





# APPLICANT BRIEFING

- The State will coordinate the applicant briefing locations, dates, and times with the County Emergency Management Director in each declared county.
- All potential applicants should be represented.



# KICKOFF MEETINGS

- Scheduled by the State PACs
- Generally scheduled at the Applicant Briefing
- Scheduled with Applicants who have completed a Request for Public Assistance (RPA)
- Applicant identifies all damages to FEMA/State
- Applicants will receive:
  - State Public Assistance Manual
  - Public Assistance Guide, FEMA No. 322
  - Public Assistance Policy Digest, FEMA No. 321
  - FEMA Mitigation Handouts
  - FEMA Environmental Handouts



# KICKOFF MEETINGS

The Applicant should come away with an understanding of :

- Eligible categories of work
- Project development & review process
- Special considerations (i.e. insurance, floodplain, environmental, historic)
- Small and large projects
- Contracting
- Grant documentation requirements
- Audit requirements



# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS

- Based upon the type of work
- The direct result of declared event
- Located within declared area
- Legal responsibility of eligible applicant
- Not under the authority of another federal program



# COST ELIGIBILITY

- Reasonable and necessary cost to accomplish eligible work
- Complies with federal, state, and local laws and regulations
- Credits - Insurance proceeds, salvage value, purchase discounts must be deducted



# CATEGORIES OF WORK

## Emergency Work

- A - Debris Removal
- B - Emergency Protective Measures



Mason County – December 2007

## Permanent Work

- C - Road Systems
- D - Water Control Facilities
- E - Public Buildings & Equipment
- F - Public Utility Systems
- G - Parks and Other Facilities





# POST- KICK-OFF MEETING

- Quantify and estimate cost to repair
- Identify your damages by Category
- Track costs for insurance and project worksheets
- Get copy of insurance policy, declarations page, deductible statement, statement of loss, etc.
- Gather documentation to support costs – timesheets, invoices, equipment use logs, etc.
- Need to be able to identify costs in PW against what is in insurance settlement
- Working with FEMA Project Officers and insurance adjustors concurrently.



# COMMON INSURANCE ISSUES

- FEMA anticipated insurance proceeds vs. actual insurance settlement
- Risk management personnel usually not involved with FEMA project formulation
- Inability to reconcile what was covered by FEMA and what was covered by insurance
  - Project Officers combine costs in projects
  - Applicants track costs differently for FEMA than for insurance
  - FEMA applies deductible over several projects
  - Leads to confusion during insurance settlement & applicant closeout



# COMMON INSURANCE ISSUES

- Timeliness of insurance settlements
- Builder's risk coverage for facilities under construction
  - Assigned responsibility
- Discrepancies between recoverable costs because of FEMA Categories of Work
  - Insurance makes no distinction between emergency work & permanent work
- FEMA hazard mitigation funding applied to total cost of damage regardless of insurance coverage
  - Leads to confusion regarding duplication of benefits



# COMMON INSURANCE ISSUES

- Insurance pool policies are specifically disallowed by FEMA for required flood coverage
- FEMA only recognizes the State as self-insured, other jurisdictions that are self-insured will be required to purchase a policy to cover damaged facilities and equipment
- Insurance Waivers – not typically granted
- Flood vs. storm water runoff
  - From the Roof or from the Floor?

